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SANTA FE RIVER COMMISSION

Thursday, April 9, 2015

6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

500 Market Street, Santa Fe, NM

MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Jacobi, Chair convened the meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission at 6:00 pm, Market Station, Santa Fe, NM.

Present

Jerry Jacobi, Chair

Phil Bove

Dale Doremus

John R. Buchser

Melinda Romero-Pike

Excused

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Richard Ellenberg

Others Present

Melissa McDonald, Santa Fe River Watershed Coordinator

Mr. Allan Hook, Water Resources Coordinator

Mr. Dave Harrington, Santa Fe River Traditional Community Collaborative,
Interested RCC Member

Mr. Andy Otto, Santa Fe Watershed Association

Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Buchser moved to approve the agenda with spelling correction of Adjourn in Agenda, second by Ms. Doremus, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 12, 2015 & MARCH 12, 2015

November 13, 2014 Minutes

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MARCH 12, 2015

Ms. Doremus moved to approve the minutes of March 12, 2015 as presented, second by Mr. Bove, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. INFORMATON/DISCUSSION/ACTION:

a) Hydrograph Update (Alan Hook, Melissa McDonald)

Bottom of the graph (Exhibit A – 2014 Planned Hydrograph) are the months at the left starting in April 2014 to the right to April 2015. To the left of the graph are the daily target flows (cubic feet per second) and to the right the next measurement is daily target flows (acre-feet). The dark blue shows 1 CFS April thru May and beginning of June 1.5 cfs. Green dotted line shows what was measured below Nichols.

2015 Planned Hydrograph (Exhibit B)

April through July they expect 60% flow coming in to McClure. The flows have been changed to 60% of 40 year average. Mr. Hook said that he and Melissa have been talking about changing the date of the fishing derby. Community Days is May 9th and that was a proposed date as well as May 16th. May 23rd probably would not work as Memorial Day is earlier this year. This graph will reflect 5 CFS around that time. We believe the peak of the hydrograph may come early part of May. A fishing derby meeting will be held tomorrow to discuss the options. Ms. McDonald has spoken with Game and Fish and they were in agreement that May might be a better time. Ms. McDonald reiterated that a logistic meeting would be held on April 10th at the Railyard Office to discuss the fishing derby.

b) Commission Outreach-Action Consideration (Jerry Jacobi)

The Chair and Ms. McDonald had an initial discussion on membership as it stands today. Existing member term dates have expired and the Santa Fe River Commission has been operating as they are structured today. The Chair made reference to the news release sent out by Parks and Rec seeking members; this was discussed at the last meeting. The Chair said he would be OK if we did a press release but that he would not like to be the contact person to review the applications.

Ms. McDonald did say that the process has changed since the news release went out. Options are to fill the one vacancy that exists and as of this date there are two interested individuals, all terms have expired and the present commission members need to resubmit a letter of interest if they would like to remain on the SFRC. The Chair said he has contacted the Mayor's office at least three times on membership for the Santa Fe River Commission.

Ms. Doremus asked Ms. McDonald; in terms of this particular Parks & Rec Press Release, was there a good response? Ms. McDonald said yes, they did get a good response. Ms. Doremus mentioned at the last meeting that it would be a good idea for the Watershed to send the notice to their mailing list and also the SFRC members to send the information to their contacts.

Mr. Harrington who attended the meeting this evening said that the process of getting on was a little confusing and would like clarity on how he should proceed for consideration to serve on the Santa Fe River Commission. Santa Fe River Traditional Community Collaborative asked Mr. Harrington to look in to becoming a member of the SFRC on their behalf. Ms. McDonald asked Mr. Harrington to provide her with his resume and it will become part of the review. The Chair reiterated that all information or requests be sent to Ms. McDonald.

Ms. McDonald suggested that they select the top 3 applicants and present them to the Mayor with the SFRC recommendation for approval.

Mr. Buchser said that it is time to refresh the mission of the SFRC and to define the skill sets to include in the call for candidates for the vacancy. Mr. Buchser does support the creation of a sub-committee to work on skill sets.

Mr. Buchser moved to create a sub-committee by the next River Commission meeting to come up with criteria for the SFRC mission and vision to be released to the public, and instruct staff to inform the Mayor of the process the SFRC will follow to fulfill the vacancy and reappointment of members, second by Ms. Doremus, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion: The Chair and Ms. McDonald will review all documents on the mission, vision and resumes received before they go to the Mayor.

c) Mayor's Taskforce on Climate Change – Sub-committee (Andy Otto)

Mr. Andy Otto, Executive Director of the Santa Fe Watershed Association reported on the Mayor's Climate Action Task Force meeting. (Exhibit C) This is a new committee created by Mayor Gonzales; Mr. Otto asked if they could create a watershed committee and the Mayor agreed. The conclusion is that our climate is going to change; there will be more rain events than snow events in the watershed, probably more severe events but less of them. There are three different ways to deal with this based on the water equation for the watershed; we could buy water, conserve water which people in Santa Fe have been doing a great job, and aquifer recharge. Four recommendations were; 1) Restore Santa Fe Arroyos to Protect Infrastructure and Optimize Aquifer Recharge, 2) Modernize City and County Construction Codes to Promote Water Infiltration, 3) Design and Implement a Model Climate-Adapted Neighborhood and 4) Increase the Use of Reclaimed Water.

Mr. Otto said that the sub-committee presented to the committee; the first two could be dealt with right now. In the report they had said that the amount of cost to do the 12 arroyo restoration was around \$1.2 million dollars and the city staff said triple it; the report will need

to be updated. A new plan will be developed on which arroyos we will do and how much it will cost. Because arroyos are public and private, we need to make sure that everyone is involved across the city. The last thing discussed is where will the money come from? Mr. Otto said they have come up with a good funding plan document.

The second, Modernize City and County Construction Codes to Promote Water Infiltration will require an ordinance change and staff time; there are no identified funds for staff. We could possibly get a grant to help city staff with funding and have them work on the ordinance.

Mr. Buchser said he really likes, #1, #2 and #3, #4 may be more challenging. Mr. Buchser commented that he couldn't think of anything else that could have been on this list, great job.

Mr. Otto said that the focus was on the water users of Santa Fe.

The Chair asked if anyone addressed population growth. Mr. Otto said yes, they have factored in 2% for population growth. The state of New Mexico is losing population, Santa Fe is losing population but Santa Fe County is growing population.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Clarification: A community meeting for the Canyon Road Neighborhood Association was recently held.

6. MATTERS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

Vegetation Management group has not met and a future meeting is not scheduled at this time.

7. MATTERS FROM STAFF

d) Project updates:

Alameda Rain Gardens – Ms. McDonald did a power point presentation of photos on the Alameda Rain Gardens for the SFRC members to view. She explained each photo.

De Fouri Bridge is about 90% done. The present contract started with the De Fouri Bridge and they expanded to the Guadalupe Bridge. (Exhibit attached)

East Alameda sidewalk improvements will have another neighborhood Meeting on April 30th at 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm at the Santa Fe Convention Center, notice to be sent out. Ms. McDonald

City Clerk has asked that packet information streamlined and on a regular timeline. Packet material will be on the city website; Ms. McDonald will handle that task.

Mr. Hook provided an update on the aerial of the watershed. He was contacted on Monday and said it was a go for the work that had to be done and then yesterday they said there were too many high wind days. There is a lot of activity going on, the big crane came in today for the demolition of McClure tower; they are trying to manage entry with contractors and the classrooms, more activity to come.

8. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR


None

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Santa Fe River Commission, Ms. Doremus moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm, second by Mr. Buchser, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Jerry Jacobi, Chair


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